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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the outstanding Office Action dated June 25, 2007, in the above-identified application, having a ONE (1) month period for response which expires July 25, 2007. In that this response is timely filed, no further extension of time is needed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the following provisional election.